

local officials, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 93; **Pages H1565–66**

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Act of 2004: H.R. 3786, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 85; **Pages H1493–94**

District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act: H.R. 2993, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 86; and **Page H1494**

Authorizing the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 87—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H1494–95**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight on March 29 to file a report on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. **Page H1566**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bell wherein he resigned from the Committee on International Relations, effective March 26. **Page H1566**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1567**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 31. **Page H1567**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to

enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–178). **Page H1495**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1493 and H1566.

Senate Referrals: S. 2231 was referred to the Committees on Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce; S. 1218 was referred to the Committees on Science and Ways & Means. **Pages H1590–91**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1492–93, H1493–94, H1494, H1494–95, H1508, H1521–22, H1534, H1552–53, H1565, and H1565–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development; Hilda Gay Legg, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Authur A. Garcia, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; John Rosso, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Luis Luna, Deputy Administrator, Community Development; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on SBA. Testimony was heard from Hector Barreto, Administrator, SBA.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Cari M. Dominguez, Chairwoman, EEOC.

**ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to hold a hearing on the National Nuclear Security Administration. Testimony was heard from Linton F. Brooks, Under Secretary, Nuclear Security and Administration, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

The Committee also held a hearing on the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. Testimony was heard from Eduardo Aguirre, Director, Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service. Testimony was heard from Fran Mainella, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Child Development Research and Programs. Testimony was heard from Grover J. Whitehurst, Director, Institute of Education Sciences, Department of Education; and the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: G. Reid Lyon, Chief, Child Development and Behavior Branch, National Institutes of Health; and Wade F. Horn, Assistant Secretary, Administration for Children and Families.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on European Command. Testimony was heard from GEN. James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and Commander, U.S. European Command.

**TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND
INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on Highway Safety Programs. Testimony

was heard from Jeffrey W. Runge, Administrator, National Highway Safety Administration, Department of Transportation.

**VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**2005 BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE
PROCESS**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Process. Testimony was heard from Raymond F. DuBois, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; and Barry W. Holman, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
REQUEST—MISSILE DEFENSE PROGRAMS**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Missile Defense Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: LTG Ronald T. Kadish, USAF, Director, Missile Defense Agency; LTG Larry J. Dodgen, USA, Commander, Space and Missile Defense Command; and Thomas P. Christie, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation.

**NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION
BUDGET REQUEST—NAVY AND AIR
FORCE TACTICAL WEAPON ACQUISITION
PROGRAMS**

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of the Navy and Department of the Air Force Tactical Weapon Acquisition Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Allen Li, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management—(F/A-22); and Mike Sullivan, Director, Acquisition Sourcing Management—(Joint Strike Fighter (JSF)); and the following officials of the Department of Defense: John J. Young, Jr., Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); VADM John B. Nathan, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs (N7); and LTG Michael A. Hough, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Marvin R. Sambur, Assistant Secretary (Acquisition) and LTG Ronald E. Keys, USAF, Deputy Chief of

Staff, Air and Space Operations, both with the Department of the Air Force.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—DOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2005 National Defense Authorization budget request—Department of Defense Science and Technology Policy and Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Anthony J. Teter, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology, Department of the Army; RADM Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief, Naval Research, Department of the Navy; and James B. Engle, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Science, Technology and Engineering), Department of the Air Force.

DOE'S YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT; ALTER NUCLEAR WASTE TRUST FUND

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Department of Energy's Yucca Mountain Project," and Proposed Legislation to Alter the Nuclear Waste Trust Fund (H.R. 3429 and H.R. 3981)." Testimony was heard from Representatives Gibbons, Berkley and Porter; Robert G. Card, Under Secretary, Energy, Science, and Environment, Department of Energy; Nils J. Diaz, Chairman, NRC; David J. Duquette, member, U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board; and public witnesses.

"NIH: RE-ENGINEERING CLINICAL RESEARCH"

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "NIH: Re-engineering Clinical Research." Testimony was heard from Elias A. Zerhouni, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM STATUS

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing on the state of the international financial system. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

D.C. COLLEGE ACCESS ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Maintaining a Level Playing Field for D.C.

Graduates: Legislation to Reauthorize the D.C. College Access Act." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the District of Columbia: Anthony A. Williams, Mayor; Kelly Valentine, Acting Director, Tuition Assistance Grants Program; and Argelia Rodriguez, Executive Director, College Access Program; and public witnesses.

DEVELOPMENTS IN BURMA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Subcommittee on International Terrorism, Nonproliferation and Human Rights held a joint hearing on Developments in Burma. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Lorne Craner, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; and Matthew P. Daley, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and public witnesses.

RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROPRIATE ROLE OF FOREIGN JUDGMENTS IN THE INTERPRETATION OF AMERICAN LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H. Res. 568, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the laws of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws, or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the laws of the United States, and the Appropriate Role of Foreign Judgments in the Interpretation of American Law. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

"PROGRESS IN CONSOLIDATING TERRORISM WATCHLISTS—THE TERRORIST SCREENING CENTER"

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security and the Subcommittee on Intelligence and Counterterrorism of the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint oversight hearing entitled "Progress in Consolidating Terrorism Watchlists—The Terrorist Screening Center (TSC)." Testimony was heard from Donna A. Bucella, Director, Terrorist Screening Center (Administered by FBI); Charlie Bartoldus, Director, National Targeting Center, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; James W. McMahon, Director, Office of Public Security, State of New York; and a public witness.

MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 3378, Marine Turtle Conservation Act of

2003. Testimony was heard from Marshall Jones, Deputy Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Fisheries, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1517, Land Reinvestment Act; H.R. 2663, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating Castle Nugent Farms located on St. Croix, Virgin Islands, as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 3874, To convey for public purposes certain Federal lands in Riverside County, California, that have been identified for disposal. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bono and Graves; Robert Lamb, Special Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY COMPETITIVENESS ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology, and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3598, Manufacturing Technology Competitiveness Act of 2003.

SPIKE IN METAL PRICES

Committee on Small Business: Continued hearings entitled "Spike in Metal Prices—Part II." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation and the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a joint hearing on Ballast Water Management: New International Standards and National Invasive Species Act Reauthorization. Testimony was heard from RADM Thomas H. Gilmour, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

JOINT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM AND TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program and Tactical Intelligence and Related Activities. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATED

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Intelligence Updated. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of certain veterans' organizations, after receiving testimony from S. John Sisler, AMVETS, Lanham, Maryland; F. Paul Dallas, American Ex-Prisoners of War, Arlington, Texas; Edward Chow, Jr., Vietnam Veterans of America, Silver Spring, Maryland; Colonel Robert F. Norton, USA (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; and Joey Strickland, National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No Committee meetings are scheduled.